



REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1958.

To:-

Mr. Chairman and Councillors of Burry Port Urban District Council.

Introduction.

1958 was a year in which the statistics show a drop in the birthrate and an increase in the death rate. Deaths exceeded births by 43 during the year and both death and birth rates compare unfavourably to the national rates.

For the past 3 years live births exceed deaths in the area by 2.

The favourable infant mortality rate of 1957 has not been maintained, but owing to the small numbers involved too much stress should not be placed on this.

Of the deaths in area, 58.2% were caused by cardio-vascular conditions, 9.1% by 'Cancers' and 7.1% by respiratory diseases.

Of the infectious diseases, influenza was again troublesome during the first half of the year. A mild epidemic of measles also occurred. 7 Dysentery cases were notified. These, on investigation showed negative laboratory findings.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



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SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE URBAN AREA.

- (a) Your district covers an area of 1,543 Acres.
- (b) Population (Mid-Year 1958) Est. by Registrar Gen. 5,970
- (c) Number of inhabited houses at end of 1958. 2,050
- (d) Number of familes or seperate occupiers. 2,223
- (e) Sum represented by Penny Rate on R.A. £148. 0. 0
- (f) Rateable Value. £40,942
- (g) Unemployment. The average number of unemployed for the year was 120 weekly, out of an insurable population of 2,534. This is equivalent to 4.7% of this population.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births.	27	28	55
Still Births.	1	-	1
Deaths.	55	43	98
Deaths of infants under four weeks.	1	2	3
Deaths of infants under one year.	1	2	3
Illegitimate births during the year,	1	-	1

There were no illegitimate Infant Deaths during the year.



	<u>Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.</u>		
	<u>Crude or</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Rate for</u>
	<u>Actual Rate.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>	<u>England and Wales.</u>
Live Births.	9.21	8.84 (a)	16. 4
Deaths.	16.42	18.55 (b)	11. 7
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births.	17.86		21. 6
<u>Infant Mortality.</u>			
Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	54.55 (c)		22. 5
Maternal Mortality per 1,000 births.	Nil		.43
Causes of Infant deaths	Prematurity	1 Male.	
	Subarachnoid haemorrhage	1 Female.	
	Idiopathic Convulsions	1 Female.	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1958.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cancer of the Stomach.	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	4	3	7
Leukaemia.	-	1	1
Diabetes.	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	6	7	13
Coronary Diseases, angina.	12	4	16
Hypertensions with heart disease.	2	1	3
Other heart diseases.	11	11	22
Other circulatory diseases.	2	1	3
Influenza.	1	-	1
Pneumonia.	2	-	2
Bronchitis.	3	-	3
Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	1	2	3
Hyperplasia of Prostrate.	2	-	2
Non-Motor vehicle accidents.	1	1	2
Other defined an ill-defined diseases.	7	10	17
			<u>98</u>

Corresponding Rates for Burry Port 1957

(a) 14.42 (b) 13.12 (c) 10.99

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The following notifications of Infectious Diseases were made during the year:-

102 Measles. 13 Whooping Cough. 7 Dysentery. 1 Influenzal Pneumonia.

1 Bronchal Pneumonia. 1 Carcinoma Prostate.

Tuberculosis.

	<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
New Tuberculosis Notifications.	1	1	2	2

DIPHTHERIA. - There were no deaths from diphtheria during the year.

Immunisation Figures.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Boosters.</u>
	<u>Immunisations</u>	
Children under 5 years.	64	Nil
Children over 5 years.	Nil	Nil

VACCINATIONS.

There are no figures of vaccination available for Burry Port but an estimated 47.62% of all registered births in the County were vaccinated





## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

Again, no figures were available for Burry Port but the following are figures given for the whole County:

	<u>Received</u> <u>two</u> <u>Injections.</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>one</u> <u>Injection.</u>
Children under 15 years.	14,347	800
Persons 15/25 years.	744	-
Expectant Mothers.	418	12
Others.	133	-
Total number of children under 15 years of age vaccinated since introduction of Scheme.....	23,149 (65% of those eligible).	

## BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

The National Blood Transfusion Service visited Carmarthen Bay Power Station during the year and 160 donations were received.

The amount of blood or blood plasma used exceeds the donations given in the area.

## Cancer.

Cancer deaths increased from 5 in 1957 to 8 in 1958.

There were no deaths caused by cancer of the lungs and bronchus during the year 1958.

## Influenza.

Influenza was again troublesome during the 1st half of the year. One death was attributed to this disease.

## General Health and Social Services.

<u>Clinic.</u>	<u>Where Held.</u>	<u>When Held.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Infant Welfare	Memorial Hall.	Alternate Tuesdays.	1.30 p.m. - 4.0 p.m. 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
Antenatal.	" "	Mondays.	2.0 p.m. - 12 noon
Gynaecological.	Nursing Inst. Goring Road, Llanelly.	2nd and last Friday each month.	2.0 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.
Venereal Disease.	Llanelly General Hospital.	Males. - Thursdays Females. - Wednesdays	6.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m.
Chest Clinic.	Bay View, Capel Road, Llanelly.	Daily	9.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m.

## Distribution of Welfare Foods.

National Welfare Foods which were formerly distributed by the Ministry of Food are now distributed under the management of the Carmarthenshire County Council at the Council Offices, Burry Port, from a Monday morning until a Friday afternoon.

Home Help Service.	}	These are under the control of the Carmarthen County Council. A close liason is kept between the Health Dept and the Officials responsible for these services, as well as with The National Assistance Board Officers.
Nursing Service.		
Mental Health Service.		
Mental effective Service.		
Welfare Service.		

## National Assistance Act S: 47

No actions for compulsory removal were taken during the year.

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## HOUSING.

(1).	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing.....	20
(a).	Defects (Under Public Health Acts).....	20
(b).	Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	20
(2).	Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925-1932.....	20
(a).	Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	20
(3).	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	3
(4).	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	3

### REMEDY DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..... Nil

### ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.

Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

1.	(a).	By Owners.....	12
	(b).	By Local Authority in default of Owners.....	Nil

2.	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs.....	14
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### Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 14

Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a).	By Owners.....	12
(b).	By Local Authority in default of Owners.....	Nil
(c).	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.....	Nil

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... Nil

### Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or room having been rendered fit..... Nil

Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... Nil

### HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of the year.....	11
Number of families dwelling therein.....	21
Number of persons dwelling therein.....	58
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....	4
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....	3
Number of persons concerned in such cases.....	27

Particulars of any case in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding..... Nil

4 Private houses were completed during the year 1957.

There are no vacant houses in the Urban Area.



HOUSING PROGRAMMES OF THE COUNCIL - PRE WAR.

Houses already built and occupied at Woodbrook Terrace.....	20
Houses already built and occupied at Burrows Terrace.....	18
Houses already built and occupied at Silver Terrace.....	16
	<u>54</u>

HOUSES BUILT SINCE 1946 - POST WAR.

Houses built and occupied at Silver Terrace.....	4
Houses built and occupied at Morlan Terrace.....	8
Houses built and occupied at Newfoundland Site.....	26
Houses built and occupied at Newfoundland (Allot).....	42
Houses built and occupied at Ashburnham Road Site.....	30
Houses built and occupied at Y Ddwyberth.....	8
Houses built and occupied at Furnace Site.....	93
Houses built and occupied at Stepney Road Site.....	8
Houses built and occupied at Achddu Villa Site.....	40
Houses built and occupied at Gors Site.....	168
Houses built and occupied at Elkington Road.....	4
	<u>431</u>

Houses being built at Old Furnace Site.....	6
Flatlets being built at Old Furnace Site.....	8
	<u>14</u>

HOUSING SCHEMES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Dyfatty Housing Site (2 Bungalows and 12 Flatlets).....	14
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IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - HOUSING ACT.

The Council has not yet adopted Section 20 of the Housing Act 1949 relative to improvement grants.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

	No.	No of Registered.	Inspection.
Butchers.....	6	6	27
Grocers.....	29	7	22
Confectioners.....	11	11	41
Bakers.....	3	3	24
Fish Shops.....	2	7	21
Dairies.....	7		33

CLEAN FOOD. Posters are displayed in Public Buildings drawing the attention of the Public to food hygiene.

CONDEMNATION CERTIFICATES. 17 Condemnation Certificates were issued under this Section during the year.

Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Carmarthenshire County Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat.

ICE CREAM. 31 Samples of Ice Cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

GRADE 1 - 21. GRADE 2 - 6. GRADE 3 - 4. GRADE 4 - NIL.

ADULTERATION etc., No action was necessary under the various powers.

SHELL FISH. There are no shell-fish beds in the district.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE. There are no active Slaughterhouses in the area at the present time.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA - WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the town's water supply is obtained from the Llanelly Borough and Llanelly Rural District Councils under agreement. The supply from the Llanelly Borough was commenced on the 26th August, 1952. This additional supply was necessary to augment the other supply and to provide the Carmarthen Bay Power Station with water for industrial purposes.

DAILY CONSUMPTION.

The consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic Consumption per head of the population	26.71
Industrial Consumption " " " " " "	83.85
	<u>110.56</u>





### DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

The whole of the Urban Area is now sewered and all houses have been connected up.

### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Dyfatty Stream from the rear of Bethany Chapel to the Culvert under the main railway line is cleaned regularly, and the Council still have under consideration the piping in of this stream from Bethany Chapel to the main railway line, which would save the cost of annual cleansing. The majority of this work will be done in conjunction with the Council houses to be built at Dyfatty, and it is estimated that the work will be completed by December, 1959.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance.....	Nil
Factories.....	27
Dairies.....	31
Ice Cream Premises.....	49
Bakehouses.....	15
Butcher Shops.....	50
Cinema.....	11
Rat Infestation.....	327
Drains.....	52
Water Courses.....	24
Sewers.....	43
Public Conveniences.....	52
Refuse Tip.....	192
Water Supply.....	201
Back Lanes.....	19

### LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

	<u>Preliminary Notices</u>	<u>Statutory Notices</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Served.</u>	<u>Served.</u>	
Repairs to Walls.....	7	4	11
Repairs to Roofs.....	9	6	15
Repairs to W.C.....	2	1	3
Repairs to Floors.....	9	6	15
Repairs to Ceilings.....	1	1	2
Repairs to Doors.....	2	1	3
Repairs to Windows.....	6	3	9
Repairs to Skirtings.....	4	1	5
Repairs to Downpipes.....	1	1	2
Repairs to R.W. Gutters....	3	1	4
Repairs to Chimney.....	1	2	3
Repairs to Drain Pipes.....	1	1	2

### PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE.

Number of properties in Local Authority's Area in which infestation was reported is given overleaf.

### RODENT CONTROL.

A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the destruction of Rats in the Urban Area.

#### Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

Total number of manholes in foul and connected system.....	139
Total number of treatments carried out.....	2
Total number of manholes baited.....	76
Total number of manholes showing prebait take.....	47
Total number of manholes showing complete prebait take.....	47





	Local Authority.	Dwell- ing Houses	Agric- ultu- ral	Bus- iness & In- dus	Total
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District.	20	2006	10	106	2132
2. No. of properties inspected by the L.A. during 1958 as a result (a) notification or (b) otherwise.	a.	27	-	2	29
	b.	400	-	43	443
	c.	-	-	-	-
3. Number of Properties (under 2 found to be infested by rats).	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	427	45	472
4. No. of Properties (under 2) found to be seriously infested by mice.	-	-	-	2	2
5. No of infested Properties (under 5 & 4) treated by L.A.	-	427	-	45	472
No. of 'block' control schemes carried out.	-	62	-	-	-

SHOPS. No action was necessary under Section 10 of the Shop Act, 1934.

CAMPING SITES. There is one Camping Site in the Urban Area, situated at Derwydd, near the foreshore. This is used as a Holiday Camp.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. The new Power Station caused considerable grit nuisance when operations first began, but the installation of dust extractors has largely eliminated this nuisance. Thanks are due to the Power Station Engineers for the measurements of atmospheric pollution.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. .....Nil.

SCHOOLS. The schools are kept in a sanitary condition. All schools and School Kitchens are connected to the main sewer.

RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928. There are no Rag Flock Premises in the area.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such pools in the Urban Area. During the summer months sea bathing is enjoyed by a large number of inhabitants and visitors to the town.

LIVING VANS. There are 6 living vans at the Harbour View Site, occupied by 12 persons.

COUNCIL'S CEMETERY. There were 44 burials during the year as compared with 27 burials for the previous year.

COUNCIL'S MORTUARY. No Post Mortem examinations were held in the Council's Mortuary during the year.

We remain,

Your obedient Servants,

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